

O'Donnell, Ariel Lynn (Pastian)

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After deep reflection and heartfelt conversations with her medical team and loved ones, Ariel (Pastian) O'Donnell, 33, passed away peacefully in hospice care near her home in Newport, MN on April 10, after a 3 1/2 year battle with Stage 4 Metastatic Breast Cancer. A Celebration of Life will be held at The Drury Plaza Hotel, in St. Paul, MN on April 26, 2025, hosted by her family.

Ariel Lynne Pastian was born on January 8, 1992 to Lynne Freese in Sioux Falls, SD. She was blessed to be the only granddaughter of Donald and Beverly Freese, and right before kindergarten, she moved in right next door in Hurley. Don loved to chauffeur Ariel and her friends to and from school on snowy days – something she always remembered fondly. Ariel graduated from Hurley High School in 2010 next to her lifelong best friend, Allison. Ariel attended South Dakota State University where she was active in her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, and the SDSU Dance Marathon "State-A-Thon" where she served on the board of directors and met the love of her life, Dobby O'Donnell. Ariel completed her Bachelor of Nursing degree from SDSU in 2015.

Ariel and Dobby were married on July 2, 2016 at Tuthill Park in Sioux Falls. They took



their biggest adventure in 2017, when they moved to one of their favorite places in the world, San Diego, CA. Ariel landed her dream job at the University of San Diego as the Assistant Director/Nursing Coordinator, where she loved to help the students and truly enjoyed her coworkers. Ariel and Dobby were blessed with their son, Callum, on October 22, 2021, two weeks

after Ariel's initial cancer diagnosis. The family moved to Newport, MN to be closer to family and receive spectacular care through the Mayo Clinic.

Ariel was and continues to be fiercely loved by her husband Dobby and son Callum (Newport, MN), mother, Lynne (Woodbury, MN), parents-in-law Chad and Cindy O'Donnell (Sioux Falls, SD), brother-in-law Dylan (Kristina), sister-in-law Emmylu (Matt), great-aunt Holly Breen (Centerville, SD), cousin Michelle Stotz Gels (Hoover, AL), Shari Denman (Austin, TX), David Stotz (Austin, TX), best friend Allison Ebbesen (Hurley, SD), nieces Maisie and Lucy, nephew Jack and many friends from all the different phases of her life.

She is preceded in death by grandparents Donald and Beverly Freese and great-uncle Don Stotz.

Ariel had requested that in lieu of flowers, please direct donations to METAvivor – Metastatic Breast Cancer Research and Support in order to better support those currently battling the disease that stole her from us too soon.